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report on the István Hospital in Budapest. Details are provided on location, layout and staff members. The report is accompanied by a layout sketch with two-page legend.

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1. All Budapest hospitals are subordinated to the municipal health department with the exception of the hospital and sanatorium of the railroad management (MAV), which is under the authority of the Ministry of Transport, the Rokus hospital, which is under the authority of the district council, and the hospital which treats accident victims, which is directly subordinated to the Ministry of Health.
2. Budapest city is also divided into three districts for purposes of medical administration, and all the health institutions within each district are responsible to the central hospital (Vezeto Korhas) in the district concerned: the Peterfy Korhas for the northern part of the city, from the area north of VII Kerulet to Godola; Janos Korhas for the western part of the city across the Danube (Buda); and Istvan Korhas for the area south of VII Kerulet to the Danube River.

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3. The Istvan hospital is located at No. 1 Nagyvarad Square in Budapest IX. Enclosed by a brick wall two meters high, the site of the hospital is 200 x 400 meters in size and contains more than 20 buildings, all of which are centrally heated and have sloping slate-covered roofs. The hospital has a total of nine operating rooms: two in each of the two surgical wards, one in the dental surgery ward, one in the urological ward, two in the gynecological ward, and one in the pediatric ward.
4. Immediately past the entrance gate are located two buildings; the one to the left contains the administrative offices, including the offices of the Party Secretary and the trade union, and the one to the right is occupied by the hospital pharmacy, the medical store, and the store's office. Behind these two buildings, arranged in two parallel rows along the length of the compound, are the following eight buildings (Pavillon):

Left of the gate

- a. The first building is occupied by the No. surgical ward and contains 100 beds. The top floor of the building serves as private accommodation for the doctors, while the basement has been prepared since 1954 for emergency use, with doors, windows, and all other apertures being limited to a minimum size and readied for hermetic sealing by means of rubber strips. An operating room was installed and other new arrangements were in process in 1955.

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- b. The second building is occupied on the ground floor by the ward for nose, ear, and throat diseases (30 beds), and on the second and third floors by the No. 2 internal diseases ward (90 beds). In 1955, the nose, ear, and throat operating room was renovated and equipped with modern apparatus.
- c. The third building is occupied in the basement by a laboratory for electro-cardiography, on the ground floor by the urological ward (30 beds) and the cardiological ward, and on the second and third floors by the No. 3 internal diseases ward (90 beds).
- d. The fourth building is occupied on the ground floor by a laboratory, and on the second and third floors by the ward for nervous disorders (120 beds).

Right of the gate

- e. The first building is occupied on the ground floor by the department of dental surgery (15 beds), and on the second floor by the No. 2 surgical ward. Living quarters for the doctors are provided on the third floor.
- f. The second building is occupied by the No. 1 internal diseases ward and has 120 beds, including the 10 to 20 beds in the special ward. On the top floor of the

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building, the special ward is used for the treatment of accidents which occurred on the job. A subsidiary of the national institution OMI (Országos Munkaegészségügyi Intézet), it was set up in 1952 for the workers employed at the construction of the Budapest subway project and was constructed with a twofold purpose in mind: to demonstrate the government's consideration for heavy labor; and to conveniently isolate persons who were inclined to talk about installations which the authorities wanted to keep secret.

- g. The third building is occupied entirely by the dermatology ward and has 120 beds.
 - h. The fourth building is occupied on the ground floor by the pediatric surgery ward (30 beds), and on the second and third floors by the pediatric ward (120 beds).
5. Additional buildings, at the end of the compound, include the following: a pathological section (Prosectura); an X-Ray laboratory, which was modernized and equipped with a Siemens apparatus in 1954; gynecological and obstetrical wards (120 beds), which once served a private institution called Adam Klinika; an ophthalmic ward (15 beds); a dermatology ward for children (approximately 80 beds); and a laundry which is rented to the Patylat Agency.¹ Three additional X-Ray sets, manufactured by

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the German manufacturer Siemens, are known to be at the disposal of the hospital: one for treatment; one for photography; and one for fluoroscopy.

6. The following is a list of personalities at the Istvan Hospital:

- a. Karoly Bugar-Messaros, head of the No. 1 internal diseases ward

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- b. Endre Fejer, head of the dermatology ward for children

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- c. Istvan Gonci, head of the No. 2 internal diseases ward (with the title of Docent)

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d. Aurel Gussich, head of the No. 1 surgical ward

e. (fnu) Hegedus, head of the laboratory²

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- f. Vilmost Heller, head of the surgical ward for children, [REDACTED]

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- g. Lasso Henc, head of the urological ward and former doctor at the urological hospital [REDACTED]

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- h. Istvan Katona, director [REDACTED]

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- i. (fnu) Keresztesi, head of the physical therapy department [REDACTED]

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- j. Ferenc Kovacs, assistant director in charge of administration [REDACTED]

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- k. Istvan Krepuska, head of the ward for nose, ear, and throat diseases [REDACTED]

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- l. Tibor Lehooki, head of the ward for nervous disorders, professor, and a first-rate specialist [REDACTED]

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- m. (fnu) Lukacs, head of the childrens ward for
internal diseases,

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- n. Istvan Papolci, head of the ophthalmic ward

- o. Lajosne Puc, secretary of the Party cell at the
hospital (Fuggetleniteti Parttitkar)

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- p. Bela Radnai, head of the pathological section

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q. Odon Rajka, head of the dermatology ward

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r. (fnu) Rossahegyi, head of the OMI section

s. Lipot Schischa, head of the No. 2 surgical ward

t. (fnu) Szolnoki (original name Suss), head of the
gynecological ward,

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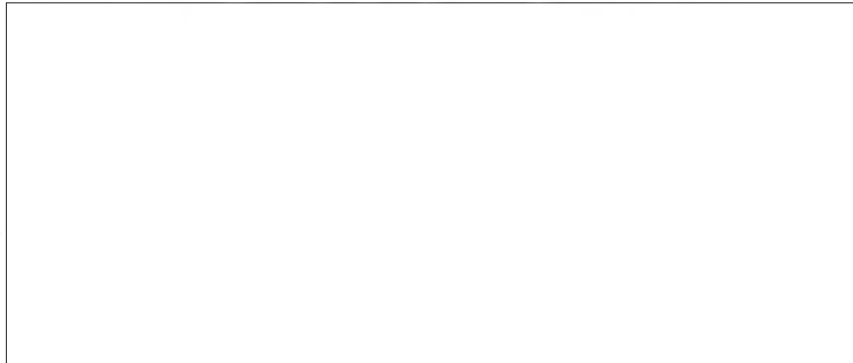
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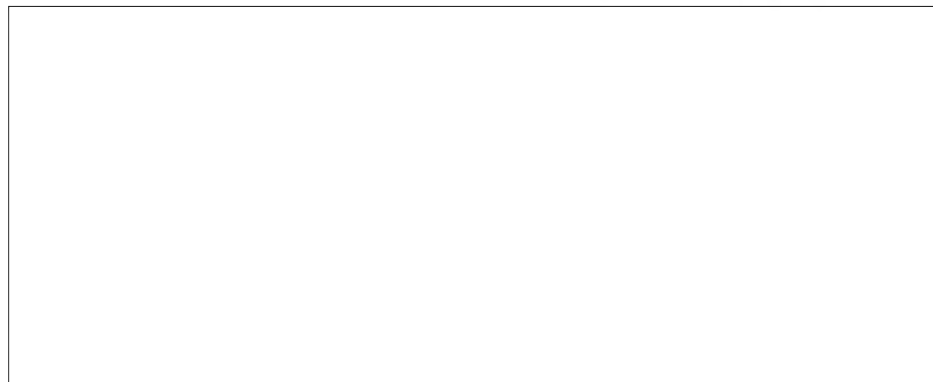
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u. Istvan Varga, head of the dental surgery department



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v. Zsuzsa Weil (nee Leichtner), head of the X-Ray laboratory,



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7. Attached is a legend and sketch of Istvan Hospital.

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 Comment:

1. The hospital's laundry is sent to the Tetenyi Hospital for some unknown reason.

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2. Probably the laboratory for nervous disorders.

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Attachment

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1. Nagyvarad Square
2. Haman Kato Street
3. Vag Street
4. Main entrance
5. Gate for ambulances
6. Gatekeeper's lodge
7. Administrative Offices
8. Hospital pharmacy, medical store, and store office.
9. No. 1 surgical ward
10. No. 2 surgical ward and dental surgery ward
11. No. 2 internal diseases ward and ward for nose, ear, and throat diseases.
12. No. 1 internal diseases ward
13. No. 3 internal diseases ward and urological ward
14. Dermatology ward
15. Ward and laboratory for nervous disorders
16. General pediatric and pediatric surgery wards
17. Physical therapy department
18. Canteen
19. Pathological section
20. X-Ray laboratory
21. Kitchen

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- 22. Dining room
- 23. Nursery for children of the staff
- 24. Laundry rented to the Patyolat Agency
- 25. Linen and household implements store
- 26. Gynecological and obstetrical wards
- 27. Ophthalmic ward
- 28. Dermatology ward for children
- 29. Doctors living quarters
- 30. Reading and recreation rooms
- 31. Tennis court.

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